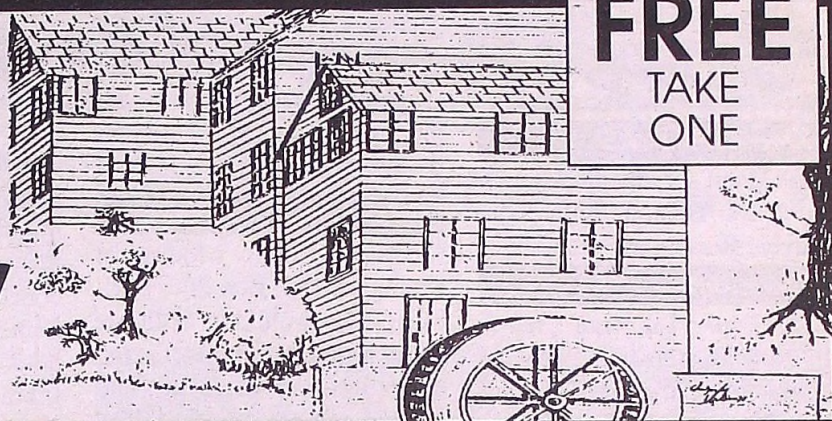


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TOWNSHIP BOARD HOLDS LDFA HEARING

by MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

Editor's note: We are presenting this article in two parts because of its length and importance. The next installment will appear in the December 20 issue. The first part basically presents the LDFA's recommendations and those of the Township's Planning consultant. Part two will deal with the comments from the citizens and Township Board members.

On November 28 the Township Board held a hearing to consider changes in the LDFA (Land Development Finance Authority) area. The hearing was held to allow information to be placed on the public record and to allow citizens to make comments. About 30 citizens attended but most apparently came to listen and receive information.

Two issues were before the Board. The first dealt with the area along Mercer Drive that would allow for the LDFA to make improvements by extending sanitary sewer service, constructing a road, looping a water main and solving drainage problems.

The second dealt with expanding the LDFA area to include the facilitation of a bridge across the Huron River. It was this proposal that seemed to generate the most discussion.

As you can see by the diagram (below) the expanded area allows for the LDFA to use its resources to help facilitate a

new bridge at South Huron Road and the I-275 area. The "expanded area" is a little deceiving in its size because the park system is within the boundary and not under the control of the LDFA.

Attorney Brian Coyer, representing the LDFA was unable to attend the meeting but did provide the Board with a three-page report recommending the amendments. Regarding the Mercer Drive matter he said, "The proposed improvements will contribute to the LDFA and enhance the Township's ability to attract projects which should provide appropriate and planned economic growth as well as cre-

ate additional revenues for the LDFA."

Regarding the second amendment, he also spoke in favor of adoption. He said "The expansion of the LDFA district is most clearly connected to the public policy of promoting and developing a bridge across the Huron River, either for connection to the Pinnacle Project to the north on Vining Road or to I-75 on West Road. There are substantially no economic cost or legal barriers associated with the proposed expansion and relatively large potential benefits."

He went on to say, "the LDFA can partner with the Township to utilize its resources

to assist the Township if the Township chooses to pursue building a bridge across the Huron River."

On behalf of the LDFA, who voted twice in support of the amendments, he urged the approval by the Board.

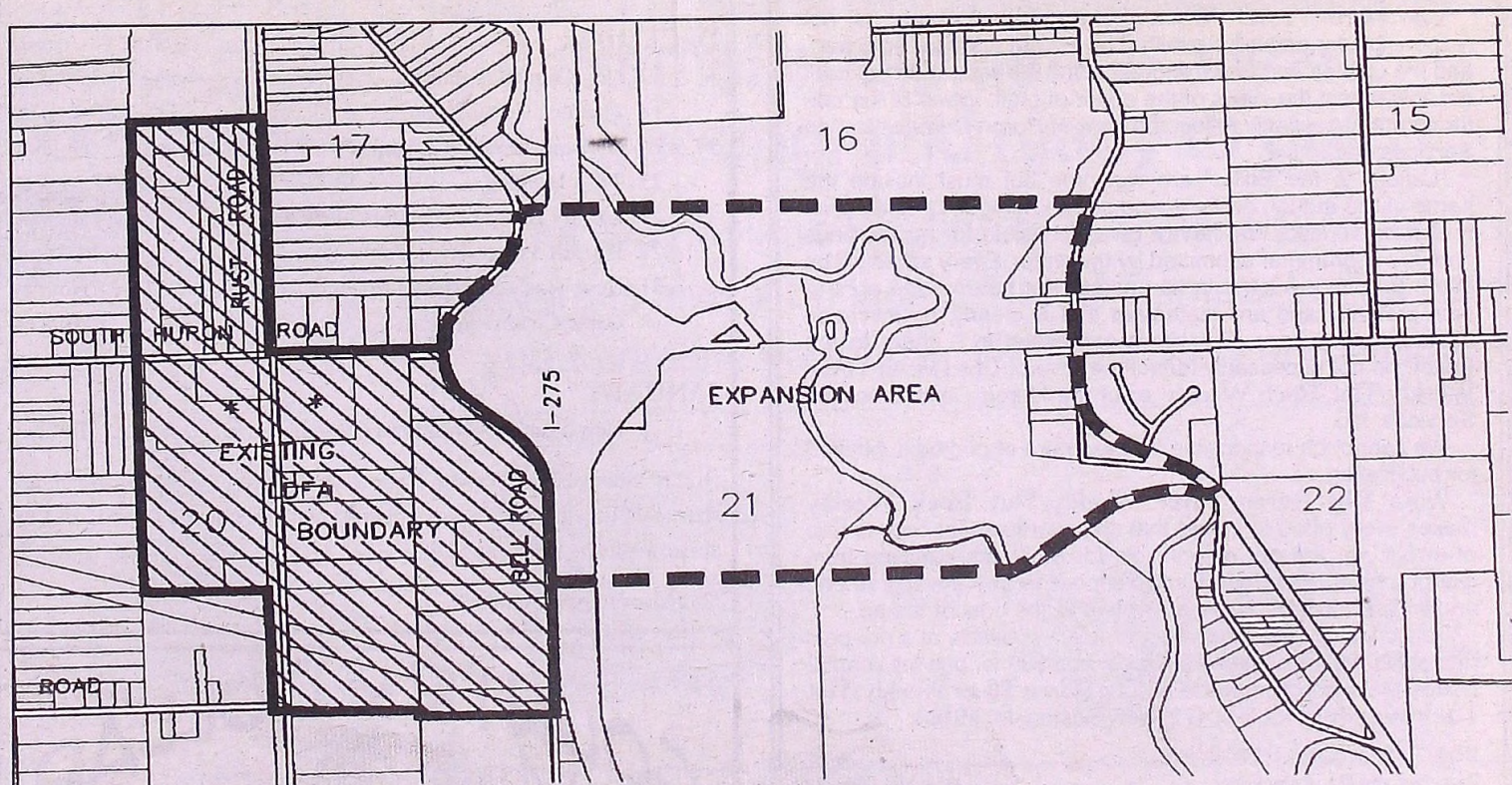
Larry Nix, the Township's planning consultant submitted a two-page memo to the Board and was also in support of the amendments.

In his memo he pointed out the bridge area is on public property owned by the HCMA (the metro park) and "does not generate any tax dollars today and the expansion of the LDFA area will not impact taxes today

in the future since there are no tax dollars to impact. Also, since this property is HCMA owned, industrial development could not be promoted or developed.

He further advised, "The intent of the amendments is to promote industrial growth and development in an area of the Township that has been slated for industrial development for several decades. Competition along the I-275 corridor is intense, and these efforts only improve the marketability of Huron Township property."

The Township Board will consider the amendments after a 60-day period has elapsed.



HURON TOWNSHIP

LDFA AUTHORITY DISTRICT EXPANSION

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Community Calendar

December 19

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston will have Advent Service at 7 p.m.

December 24

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston will have the Children's Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m., and Candlelight Christmas Eve with Holy Communion at 10 p.m.

December 25

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston will have Christmas Day service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

December 31

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston will have New Year's Eve service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Daily

Historical Society Calendars

on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. In August the meeting will be held at the concession stand. Beginning in September meetings will be held in the Junior High Library. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134.. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County

Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Com-

mittee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call the Senior Director for additional information.

Pam Carpenter is the Senior Director and may be reached at 654-9281.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

First Tuesday of every month regular meeting 12:30 p.m.

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m.

Quilting Class Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

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Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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For a ride call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281

Trips for seniors check with the Senior Director for trips scheduled one day to a week.

Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

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CITY OF FLAT ROCK CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001

DECEMBER

- 17 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 24 & 25 Christmas Eve & Christmas (City Offices Closed) ... Holiday
- 25 TIFA Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Library Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Historic Preservation Committee 7:00 p.m.
- 31 New Year's Eve (City Offices Closed) Holiday
- * Cable Commission 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's (City Offices Closed) Holiday

NOTE: South Huron Valley Wastewater Control System Meetings are scheduled for October 17, November 21 and December 19, 2001, 10 a.m. at Brownstown Township Hall.

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APPLE CHARLIE'S ANNUAL TALENT CONTEST

by MARGARET O'KELLEY

Participants in the Apple Charlie 2001 Talent Contest performed to a packed house on October 28, 2001, at South Huron Orchards. This has become an annual event with 2001 being the third. Everyone who enters the contest anticipates its arrival each year.

The winners in Voice were

Della Hamby, 2nd Jackie Sly and Jessica Trahey and 3rd Bethany Hotchkiss. Movement 18+: 1st Christi Harrah and 2nd Step-N-Line.

The Overall Winners were Courtney Lynn Wyatt in Voice and Della Hemby in Movement.

The winners of the Costume Contest ages 0-5 were

Baley, Nancy Schuren, Bob Goodwill, Antasia Murphy, and Daneen Nielsen.

A special thank you to our judges and tabulators Brenda Bressler, Huron High Band Director, Nora Adkins, Huron Township Trustee, Mary Lou Carey, Huron Township Trustee, and Georgette Heron Willoughby, Member of Huron

A great big special thank you to Apple Charlie for hosting this event every year.

Hope to see you there next year. Come join in on all the fun!



ages 14-18: 1st Courtney Lynn Wyatt, 2nd Lynsey Burzycki and 3rd Moria Taliaferro. Voice 18+: 1st Debbie Taylor, 2nd Chris Calhoun and 3rd Jen Gassman. Voice 6-9: 1st Katie Schuren.

The winners in Movement were ages 6-9: 1st Bubba Holt (with a wicked Hula Hoop). Movement 10-13: 1st Ashely Moss. Movement 14-18: 1st

Madison, Scottie, and Whitney Clark dressed as the Lion, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz. Elizabeth Lewis won the 6-12 age division dressed as Josie from Josie and Pussycats.

Others participating in the event were Kaylee Payne, Jerilyn Chapp, Karlie Calhoun, Brianna Baker, Preston Prater, Erin Bressler, Kaylee

Township Recreation Committee and Director of C.Y.B.O.-R.G.S. and to our camera crew Nancy Burzycki. Also, a thank you to Larry O'Kelley for supplying the video equipment.

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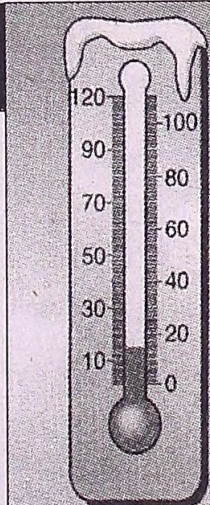
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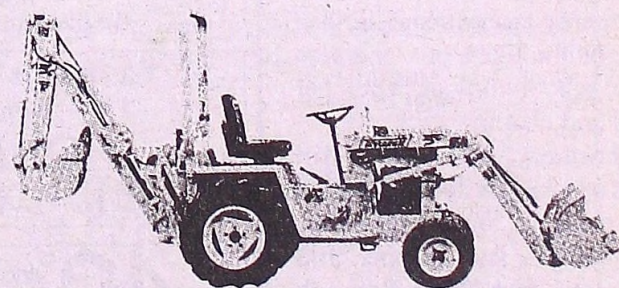
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by GEORGETTE HERON-WILLOUGHBY

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RETIREMENT PARTY

How do you say goodbye to a secretary? Well, if you're Renton's Nancy Richardson, well-wishers throw a grand party, and they bring some old friends to "roast" her. That is exactly what happened when Nancy's friends and family toasted her at a retirement banquet held at Sportsmen's Den in Riverview on November 29.

Nancy will be sorely missed by the Huron School District, especially at Renton. She has been with the district since 1974, when she began at Brown Elementary. In the 80's she worked in the Huron High counseling office. In 1989, she began at Renton Junior High.

At Renton, Nancy mothered, counseled, teased, and prepared all of her charges, from principals to brand-new sixth graders entering the building for the first time. Her attention to detail was renown, especially in making sure that all Rentonites were properly attired. She fielded the public like a pro, and kept the school moving with her wit and charm.

Former principal, Bill Balwinski, roasted her with a take-off on *Antiques Roadshow*. Rod Hopper, Jim Rossow, and Doug Babcock gave remembrances and humorous anecdotes of Nancy's tenure. Linda McCarty, fellow Renton secretary, gave a fond farewell in her honor. Paige Richardson, Nancy's granddaughter, read a heartfelt letter from Nancy.

Employees and students

will miss her when they return to school after the holidays. It will then sink in that

she's really retired. Best wishes on your retirement, Nancy. We love you.

Charity Drive

The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. Club will be holding their annual Holiday Charity Drive Monday, November 19 to Friday, December 21. This year the club will be collecting canned goods to be distributed to charities that feed children. We understand that many of you feel overwhelmed by charity at this time, but there are so many children in the area who go hungry every day. The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. are always committed to helping kids in need. Our community has always supported our efforts and for that we are forever grateful. Please remember us when you are shopping for the holidays. Drop off any canned goods at the Huron Twp. offices and Senior Center in Waltz.

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by GEORGETTE HERON-WILLOUGHBY

The winners of the annual Huron Township Parks and Recreation Holiday Coloring Contest were announced last week. The first-place winners were Felicity Duffy and David Hancock. The second-place winners were Bethany

Manos and Chad Cobb. As always the first-place winners participated in lighting the holiday display on Sunday evening. All of the entries are on display at the Township Hall throughout the holiday season.

ST. STEPHEN SHARES HOLIDAY GIVING

As the holidays approach we find ourselves thanking God for the many blessings

He has bestowed upon us this year and it brings to mind the many men and women of our Armed Forces who won't be spending the holidays with their families. For this reason the staff and students of St. Stephen School will be adopting for Christmas one of the ships serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. We will be making up "care packages" to be sent to the sailors and marines aboard the U.S.S. Bataan currently stationed off the coast of Pakistan. May God continue to watch over all those serving our country and protecting our freedom.

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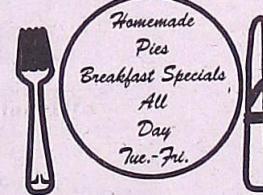
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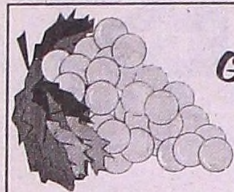
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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Stop sneaking about looking! You'll never find it. Probably not bought yet. Recheck list and hit the malls. Plan other ideas for after-sales. Selfish thoughts not good. Rethink. Lucky #9367.

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Days come, days go. Not fast enough for some. 113 days until April 1st. Look in pocket for special "tickets." Some may need to be paid. Others, well look closely. Online activities leave you sighing. Old day? New tricks? Lucky #1836.

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Think you've heard enough about world news? Put ear plugs in place. Plans go well if not making any. Children take time to be with you, return the favor. Listen to special event and smile. Lucky #1210.

Aries March 21 - April 20

Twinkling eyes. Twinkling lights. Time you see the light. Remember what happened to Scrooge. Lost days returned you may get pay but don't plan on it. Ask for special gift. Time alone with family, good. Lucky #3691.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

All not going your way? Time to stay out of refrigerator? Viewing lift as a musical has you off key. Be ready to pay the piper or use plastic. Some unable to understand the word "no." Lucky #2480.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Are you cyber nut or not? Watch lights. Don't cause unnecessary expenses with misuses. Barn door wide open. Something loose but what? Plan dinner daily and remember others don't like your choices. Lucky #0405.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Right, left, up or down. No one seems to care but you. Gift it up and join the fun. May not be time after the holidays. May not be time now. Buy treats for pets but remember who is two legged. Lucky #4987.

Leo July 24 - August 23

Listen to news, be glad none affects you. Time running short for holiday cheer. Children bring long-awaited news. May take time to adjust. Don't look in basement for extra space. Lucky #5714.

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

No one asks for answer already known. No one offers to shop with you. Significant other greedy? Ask what's in this for you? Turn lights on to clear up unreal thoughts, and so you don't trip in hallway. Lucky #7333.

Horoscope



William Grover

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Making final decision may be easily done at jewelry store. But size does count. Some things can not be upgraded sorry to say. Ask for permission before jump. Be ready with net. Lucky #6167.

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Time to put books up. Enjoy family and friends. Examine body later. Unless checking train function. Seek lasting memories, and cherish those of past. Reading newspaper may be confusing. Lucky #8541.

**For entertainment purposes only.*

HOLIDAY BRIE

- 1 5-oz. pkg. Creamy Brie
- 1 1/2-2 tbs. soft/spreadable Caramel
- 1 1/2-3/4 cup dried Fruit and Nut combination - this combination is Pecans, dried Cherries, Apricots, Raisins and Dates. Can be made with almost any dried fruit (except citron) and your favorite nuts

Chop the fruits and nuts very fine, place in a bowl with a deep narrow bottom. Make a well in the middle, leaving some of the mixture on the bottom. Spoon the brie into the well. Spread the caramel evenly over the top of the brie. Start gently spooning the fruit and nuts from the sides onto the caramel. When it's covered you can remove it from the bowl by turning it out onto your hand. Place on a serving dish caramel side up and cover with the remaining fruit and nuts left in the bowl. Pat gently to secure. Chill until ready to serve.

Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

SHARING AN AWARD- WINNING RECIPE

This week I want to share one of my award-winning recipes. At a recent event hosted by the American Wine Society, my Holiday Brie was a big hit. It was chosen among the best of the year. It is also a very good accompaniment to champagne.

The dried fruits and nuts on this brie are the selection that I had available, but you can use your own favorites. (I suggest not using citron.)

If you have any comments or questions please contact me at *The Weekly-Al Fresco*, P.O.I. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or FAX 734-753-4417.

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HURON CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

by GEORGETTE HERON-WILLOUGHBY

The Huron Township Parks and Recreation hosted their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Sunday, December 2 on the grounds of the Samuel Adams Historical House. The night was filled with carols and merriment. Supervisor John Mitchell was the guest speaker for the evening's event. The Huron High Band

donated their time to accompany guest singer Courtney Wyatt as she led the crowd with a selection of patriotic and holiday songs.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in fine style as they were escorted in a fire engine by the Huron Township Police Department.

They led the crowd down to the American Legion where he proceeded to take toy orders for the big night. The kids and their families nibbled on homemade cookies and sipped hot cocoa, provided by a wonderful group of senior citizens.

GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES RECEIVES AWARD

Guardian Industries received an award for an outstanding safety and health record from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS), on Tuesday, December 2. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Bronze Award is issued to employees by the CIS Bureau of Safety and Regulation CET Division, and recognizes leadership and commitment to safety resulting in significant safety improvement of their Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) record. BSR Director Doug Earle presented the award to Carleton Plant Manager Don Tullman.

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